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SUBJECT: SUDAN PURCHASES \$20 MILLION OF US ROAD EQUIPMENT

1. COMMISSIONER OF KHARTOUM PROVINCE, MAJ. ABUL GASIM MOHAMED IBRAHIM, SIGNED CONTRACT ON JAN 19 WITH PENNSYLVANIA MINING COMPANY, P.O. BOX 252, WYOMISSING, PA 19610, TELEPHONE (215) 376-3372 FOR SLIGHTLY LESS THAN \$20 MILLION OF US ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT. CONTRACT SIGNING RECEIVED FRONT PAGE CONVERAGE ON JAN 20 AND INDICATED THAT PORTION OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AIR SHIPPED.

2. ECONOFF LEARNED FROM PRINCIPAL OF PENNSYLVANIA MINING CO., J. GERALD MCELROY, THAT EQUIPMENT FROM APPROXIMATELY 22 US COMPANIES IS INCLUDED. THIS WAS NEGOTIATED PRIVATE TRANSACTION AND NO TENDERS WERE LET.

3. KEY TO SALE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FINANCING OFFERED BY ARAB INTERNATIONAL BANK (AIB) OF CAIRO. IN JUNE 1976 AIB APPARENTLY OPENED \$50 MILLION LETTER OF CREDIT FOR PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT TIED TO CERTAIN US MANUFACTURERS. CREDIT IF FOR SEVEN YEARS AT 8 1/2 PERCENT WITH ONE YEAR GRACE. ECONOFF SAW LETTER OF GUARANTEE FOR LOAN SIGNED BY MINFIN BEHEIRY.
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4. FIRST AIR SHIPPED EQUIPMENT WILL ARRIVE IN MID-FEB AND REMAINDER WILL BE DELIVERED TO PORT SUDAN WITHIN SIX MONTHS. CONTRACT INCLUDES PROVISION OF TRAINING IN US OF 16 SUDANESE NATIONALS AND TRAINING OF 40 ADDITIONAL TECHNICIANS HERE. BREWER

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